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Schemes for Welfare/Employment of Artisans/Craftsmen
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The details of schemes for the welfare and employment of artisans/craftsmen engaged in handicraft sector;

(b) Whether there is any mechanism to find out as to whether these schemes are reaching to them;

(c) If so, the details thereof;

(d) The scheme-wise and state-wise amount of funds provided under the said schemes during each of the last three years and the current year;

(e) The scheme-wise and state-wise number of persons benefitted there under during the said period; and

(f) The step taken by the Government to resolve the problem of rural unemployment by promoting handicrafts in the rural areas?

Answer

(a): The scheme being implemented for welfare and employment of artisans/crafts men engaged in handicrafts sector include Handicraft Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme, Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development of selected craft clusters, Design & Technology Upgradation and Human Resource Development.

(b & c): Mid Term and Terminal Evaluation of Schemes are being conducted regularly to determine the benefit of the schemes reaching the artisans. Further our field offices Located in various part of the country monitor the schemes regularly.

(d): The details of fund released under each scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise is as per statement attached as Annexure -I.

(e): The details of the artisans benefitted under each scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise is as per statement attached as Annexure −II

(f): The Government is implementing following schemes for promotion and development of the handicrafts sector on all India basis.

1. A. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana,
i. Dastkar Shashktikaran Yojana
ii. Design & Technical Up gradation
iii. Human Resource Development,
iv. Direct Benefit to Artisans
v. Infrastructure and Technological Development Scheme

B. Mega Cluster

2. Marketing Support & Services

3. Research and Development